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Exam #2

Biophysical Chemistry

Chemistry 130A

Fall 2002

Justify all your assumptions!

Show all your calculations!

Make sure all your conclusions are physically reasonable.

Keep track of units and significant digits!

Underline or Box all your final answers!

Keep you answers brief!

Exams in pencil won't be regraded.

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$$R = 8.3145 \text{ J/(K mol)} = 0.08206 \text{ L atm / (K mol)}$$

$$F = \text{Faraday's constant} = 9.6485 \times 10^4 \text{ C/mol}$$

$$\log(\gamma) = -0.509 Z \sqrt{\mu}$$

Oxidant/Reductant	Electrode Reaction	Reduction Potentials	
		$\mathcal{E}^{\circ}(\text{V})$ Chemist's standard state	$\mathcal{E}^{\circ'}(\text{V})$ Biochemist's standard state
NAD ⁺ /NADH	NAD ⁺ + H ⁺ + 2e ⁻ → NADH	-0.105	-0.320
H ⁺ /H ₂ /Pt	2 H ⁺ + 2 e ⁻ → H ₂ (g)	0.0	-0.421
Ag ⁺ /Ag	Ag ⁺ + e ⁻ → Ag(s)	0.799	
Fe ²⁺ /Fe	Fe ²⁺ + 2 e ⁻ → Fe(s)	-0.4402	
O ₂ /H ₂ O	½ O ₂ + 2 H ⁺ + 2e ⁻ → H ₂ O	1.23	0.82
FAD ⁺ /FADH ₂	FAD ⁺ + 2H ⁺ + 2e ⁻ → FADH ₂		-0.219

Reaction	ΔG° kJ/mol
D-Glucose -6-Phosphate → D-Fructose-6-Phosphate	1.7
Pyruvate + NADH + H ⁺ → Lactate + NAD ⁺	-25.1
ATP + H ₂ O → ADP + Phosphate	-31.0
2-Phosphoenolpyruvate + ADP → Pyruvate + ATP	-31.4

1. Short Questions

(a) If we double the volume of a mole of ideal gas, the change in entropy is $R\ln(4)$.

TRUE

FALSE

(b) It is possible for a process to from A to B to proceed if the process is both exothermic and exentropic (increased entropy)?

TRUE

FALSE

(c) A plot of $\ln(K)$ versus $1/T$ has a positive slope for an endothermic reaction.

TRUE

FALSE

(d) The reaction $A \rightarrow 2 B$ is known to occur. Upon measuring a solution which has just been prepared in the laboratory with 1 mole of A and 2 moles of B, it is found that $\mu_A = 4.8 \text{ J/mol}$ and $\mu_B = 2.4 \text{ J/mol}$. What is true about the solution?

(a) More reactants will form.

(b) More products will form.

(c) The reaction is in equilibrium, so there will be no change in amount of products or reactants.

(d) There is not enough information to tell.

2. pH Buffers

Calculate the pH of the following solutions:

a) 10^{-3} M of H_2CO_3 in water ($K_1=4.35 \cdot 10^{-7}\text{M}$, $K_2=4.69 \cdot 10^{-11}\text{M}$)

For the first dissociation:

$4.35 \cdot 10^{-7} = x^2/(10^{-3} - x) \rightarrow$ Assume $x \ll 0.001$ or solve the quadratic equation

$x \approx 2.06 \cdot 10^{-5}$ (which is less than 0.001 by a good bit)

So pH is ~ 4.68 .

For the second: $4.69 \cdot 10^{-11} = y^2/(x - y) \rightarrow y \approx 3.12 \cdot 10^{-8} \ll x$

b) The same solution as in (a) plus 10^{-3} M of NaHCO_3

Following the same logic as before but adding in the extra HCO_3^+

$4.35 \cdot 10^{-7} = x(0.001 + x)/(10^{-3} - x) \rightarrow x \approx 2.13 \cdot 10^{-7} \rightarrow \text{pH} \approx 6.67$

c) The same solution as in (a) plus 10^{-1} M of Na_2CO_3

Here we are adding a good bit of base....

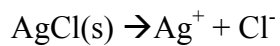
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3. Common Ion Effect

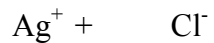
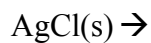
The solubility product, K_{sp} , of AgCl is $1.6 \cdot 10^{-10}$

a) Find the concentration of a saturated Ag^+ in water solution (AgCl fully dissociates).



$$K_{sp} = [\text{Ag}^+][\text{Cl}^-] = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-10} = x^2 \rightarrow x = [\text{Ag}^+] = 1.26 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

b) Find the concentration of Ag^+ in a saturated water solution containing 1M NaCl.



Solid

x

(1+x)

$$1.6 \cdot 10^{-10} = x(1+x) \sim x = [\text{Ag}^+] \text{ (since } x^2 \ll x \text{)}$$

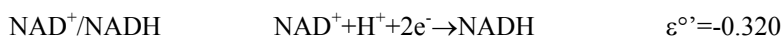
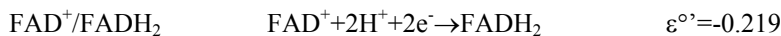
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4. Simple Redox

Show all reactions and calculations for each question. Remember Faraday's constant is 98,494 C/mol

a) Can NADH be used to reduce FADH_2 ? Write the reactions you use for the calculation.



Subtracting the bottom reaction from the top gives $\varepsilon^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = 0.101 \text{ V}$. At the biochemist's standard state NADH will reduce FAD^+

b) Can O_2 be used to oxidize NADH? How many ATP molecules can be synthesized by this reaction?



Subtracting the NAD^+ reaction from the above reaction gives $\varepsilon^{\circ}_{\text{cell}} = 1.24 \text{ V}$. So it will work.

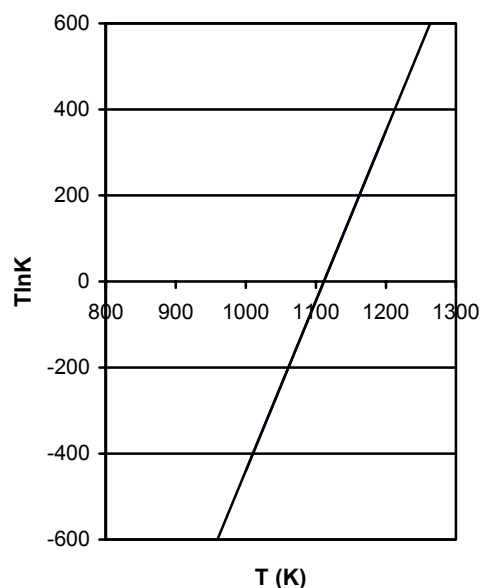
$\Delta G^{\circ} = -nF\varepsilon^{\circ} = -220 \text{ kJ/mol} \rightarrow \# \text{ of ATP's synthesized} = 220 \text{ kJ/mol} / (31 \text{ kJ/mol}) = 7 \text{ molecules of ATP}$.

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5. Temperature dependence.

An unusual form of plotting temperature variation of the equilibrium constant of a reaction is shown to the right. Calculate ΔG° , ΔH° , ΔS° , and K at 1200 K.



At 1200 K from graph, $T \ln K \approx 350 \Rightarrow \Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K = -(8.31)(350) = \mathbf{-2.91 \text{ kJ/mol}}$.

$$\ln K = 350/1200 = 0.29 \Rightarrow \mathbf{K = 1.3}$$

Since the y-axis is $T \ln K$, this is a plot of $-\Delta G^\circ/R$ vs. T .

From $dG = -SdT + VdP \Rightarrow (\partial G/\partial T)_P = -S$. Therefore the slope of this plot is $\Delta S^\circ/R$.

$$\text{Slope} = \Delta y/\Delta x = [350 - (-440)] / [1200 - 1000] \cong 4.0 = \Delta S^\circ/R \Rightarrow \mathbf{\Delta S^\circ = 33 \text{ J/mol}\cdot\text{K}}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ \Rightarrow \mathbf{\Delta H^\circ = \Delta G^\circ + T\Delta S^\circ = (-2.91 \times 10^3) + (1200)(33) = 37 \text{ kJ/mol}}$$

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6. More temperature

The standard enthalpy of a certain reaction is 125 kJ/mol over a wide temperature range. If the standard Gibbs free energy for this reaction at 1300 K is 33 kJ/mol, estimate the temperature at which the equilibrium constant, K , becomes greater than 1 (i.e. when $0 \geq \Delta G^\circ$).

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K \Rightarrow K_{1300} = e^{-\Delta G/RT} = e^{-[33,000/(8.314 \cdot 1300)]} = \mathbf{0.0472}$$

$$\ln K_2/K_1 = -\Delta H^\circ/R (1/T_2 - 1/T_1) \Rightarrow K_2 = 1 \text{ for the lower limit of } T_2$$

$$\ln 1 - \ln 0.0472 = -(125,000/8.314) \cdot (1/T_2 - 1/1300) \Rightarrow \mathbf{T_2 = 1770 \text{ K.}}$$

7. LeChatelier's principle

A mixture of nitrogen and oxygen at 2000 K reacts to form nitric oxide:



where K_a is the equilibrium constant calculated from the activities of the reactants and products.

a) What does Le Chatelier's Principle predict about this equilibrium if the total pressure is increased by decreasing the volume? Why?

Since $\Delta n = 0$, Le Chatelier predicts that increased pressure has **no effect** on the equilibrium.

b) Consider the same reaction at a total pressure of 2.0 kbar. If $\gamma(\text{NO}) = 1.21$, $\gamma(\text{N}_2) = 1.50$, and $\gamma(\text{O}_2) = 1.40$, calculate K_p (equilibrium constant calculated from the partial pressures of the reactants and products of the reaction).

$$K_a = [(\gamma_{\text{NO}} P_{\text{NO}})^2] / [(\gamma_{\text{N}_2} P_{\text{N}_2}) (\gamma_{\text{O}_2} P_{\text{O}_2})] = K_\gamma \cdot K_p \Rightarrow$$

$$K_\gamma = (1.21)^2 / (1.50 \cdot 1.40) = 0.697 \Rightarrow K_p = K_a / K_\gamma = (4.00 \times 10^{-4}) / 0.697 = 5.7 \times 10^{-4}.$$

c) Does the result of part b) suggest a disagreement with Le Chatelier? If so, why? If not, why not?

Yes \Rightarrow Since K_p at 2.0 kbar depends upon K_γ which varies with pressure, then K_p varies with P and therefore so does the relative values of the reactants and products at equilibrium.